

UN Food Systems Summit: WHO follow up Member State Briefing 25 March 2022





UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF ACTION ON NUTRITION 2016-2025





Outcomes of the UN Food Systems Summit





- SG's Chair's Summary and Statement of Action
 - The value of food must also be understood as far more than a mere commodity. It is a right for people that must be realized.
 - The UNSG will convene a global stock-taking meeting every two years to review progress in implementing the outcomes of the FSS and its contributions to achievement of the 2030 Agenda.
 - Set up of a UN Food Systems Coordination Hub
- 111 National Pathways Submitted
- 30 Multi-Stakeholder Initiatives and Coalitions of Action

Priority Food Systems for Health Policy Actions





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- These **seven priority actions** are long-standing, proven, cost-effective, implemented, scalable, endorsed and monitored by WHO
- The WHO Global Database on the Implementation of Nutrition Actions (GINA), the upcoming Obesity Action Plan, efforts to tackle anaemia and the new WHO Global Food Safety Strategy are existing and new initiatives
- Each policy action holds great potential when included in country pathways to transform food systems to protect consumers health.
- Particularly when implemented as a **package of interventions** to work across food systems and improve the accessibility, availability and affordability of healthy diets.

National Pathways for Food System Transformation



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- National pathways are a core focus area for policy action to transform food systems for health
- **Countries' food system pathways** detail their commitment and strategy towards food system transformation
- 111 pathways are now published on the official food systems site
- Most pathways remain in draft format- with ongoing dialogues and government approval processes informing their evolution



Analysis of National Food System Transformation Pathways

WHO analysis focusing on nutrition/food safetyrelated objectives and intentions in 110 National Pathways shows:

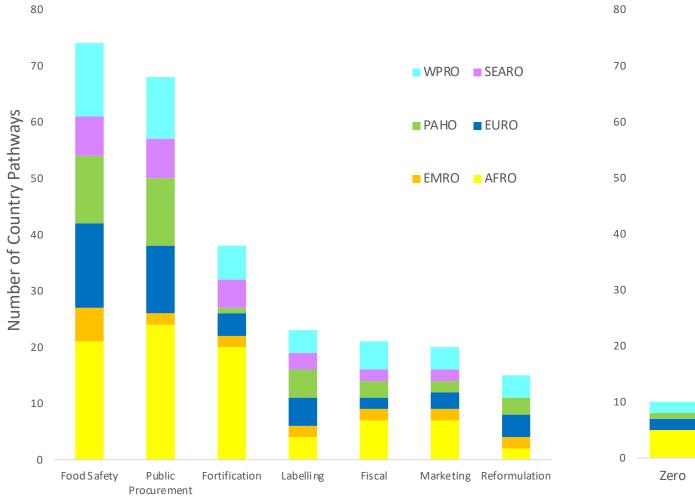
- Two thirds of pathways mentioned the burden of malnutrition in all its forms as a motivator, and goal of food system transformation
- 23% indicated the need to uphold the right to food through food system transformation
- The most commonly stated nutrition action was **nutrition-sensitive agriculture** (in 86 pathways)
- Followed by raising awareness and communication initiatives to promote nutrition and healthy eating (in 83 pathways)



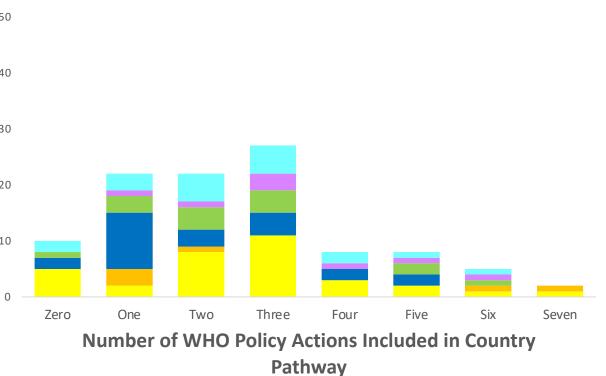


WHO Policy Actions in National Pathways





Priority Food Systems for Health Actions Included in Country Pathways





Moving Forward

- Each country has its own unique context and starting point
- We aim to apply the analysis, and the **GINA database** as tools to advocate for, support implementation and measure policy change
- WHO will work to support countries in implementing and strengthening their country pathways through our existing and new initiatives to support policy action with accompanying series of food systems for health information briefs due out in 2022
- As well as through the collaborative efforts of the School Meals and Healthy Diets Coalition which have emerged from the Food Systems Summit





The Coalition for Action on Healthy Diets from Sustainable Food Systems (HDC)

- The Coalition is currently co-led by **16 Member States** (Brazil, Chile, Denmark, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Finland, Ghana, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Slovenia, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, UAE and Yemen) with more engaged and eager to join.
- Secretariat Members: WHO, UNICEF, FAO, UNEP, WFP, UN Nutrition, the Scaling Up Nutrition movement, GAIN, EAT, WWF, CARE, Club of Rome plus Consumers International, IFPRI, and City University of London.
- The purpose of the HDC is to accelerate a substantial increase of impactful actions by stakeholders across food systems, aligned for collective impact on healthy diets from sustainable food systems.
- An official launch is planned for May 2022





The Coalition for Action on Healthy Diets from Sustainable Food Systems

- The **workplan** details the functions of the Coalition:
 - i) To **mobilise and coordinate existing expertise** and stakeholders to align action across food systems for collective impact at the country-level.
 - i) Facilitate **peer-to-peer learning** between countries.
 - i) Manage **special projects** on integrating nutrition, health and sustainability through food, determined by country priorities, including:
 - Food Based Dietary Guidelines which incorporate sustainability criteria
 - Incorporation of transformative, financed food systems action into their COP27 NDCs
- Member States can join by sending an expression of interest. We welcome requests for more more information and further discussions on the Coalition at brancaf@who.int; pullarj@who.int
- Principles of Engagement are under development

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